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DETROIT

America's Most Beautiful City.---Pre-eminent as a Delightful Summer Resort.
Extensive Parks, Delightful Drives, Imposing Buildings, etc.
Belle Isle, an Island of Surpassing Loveliness.



DETROIT is located on the Detroit River between Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair. With its broad avenues, high buildings, attractive parks, fine water front and many boulevards and gardens, it is justly considered one of the most beautiful cities in the country. It is notably a city of residences, its broad avenues lined with trees, its splendid parks and numerous open squares, making it unusually delightful as a city for homes. There is much suburban life, the beautiful environs having many fine sites for summer homes which are taken advantage of by residents who enjoy out-door country life.

Detroit has grown wonderfully of late, having shown a greater percentage of increase during 1908 than any other city in the United States. It is a most prosperous and powerful commercial city having every advantage in the matter of water and rail transportation.

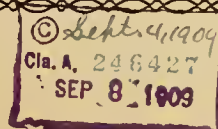
Detroit has a population of close to 500,000 people, and has an unusual number of splendidly equipped office buildings, among them being the Ford Building, Penobscot Building, Mystic Building and numerous others.

But it is the unparalleled parks of Detroit which have gained for the city an international reputation. Belle Isle is justly admitted to be one of the most beautiful spots on the globe. The Lily Ponds, Lagoons, Floral effects, etc. are rarely equalled and never surpassed elsewhere. Palmer Park (Log Cabin) has its historical side adding special interest to its charming walks, swan ponds and meadows.

Considering its many advantages it is small wonder that Detroit is the premier convention city of the country—a position her public spirited citizens are determined to maintain.

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City Hall.

Majestic Building.

VIEW OF WOODWARD AVENUE, LOOKING NORTH.
Showing the beautiful, wide Avenue and the substantial buildings on either side.



GRISWOLD STREET, LOOKING SOUTH.

The "Wall Street" of Detroit. Lined with scores of banks and banking institutions. An immense amount of business is transacted daily on this busy street.



VIEW OF THE CAMPUS, WOODWARD AVENUE.
Showing the City Hall, Soldiers' Monument, Hotel Pontchartrain, and Ford Building in the background.



CAPITOL SQUARE FOUNTAIN.

In this Park the remains of Steven T. Mason, the first Governor of Michigan, lie at rest. The fountain is ever a refreshing sight to passing thousands.



CITY HALL.

This building has been entirely rebuilt, and is now considered a fine example of a thoroughly modern municipal structure.



WAYNE COUNTY BUILDING.

A stately edifice, completed almost wholly of granite, marble and mahogany. It enjoys a wide reputation for architectural merit of a high order.



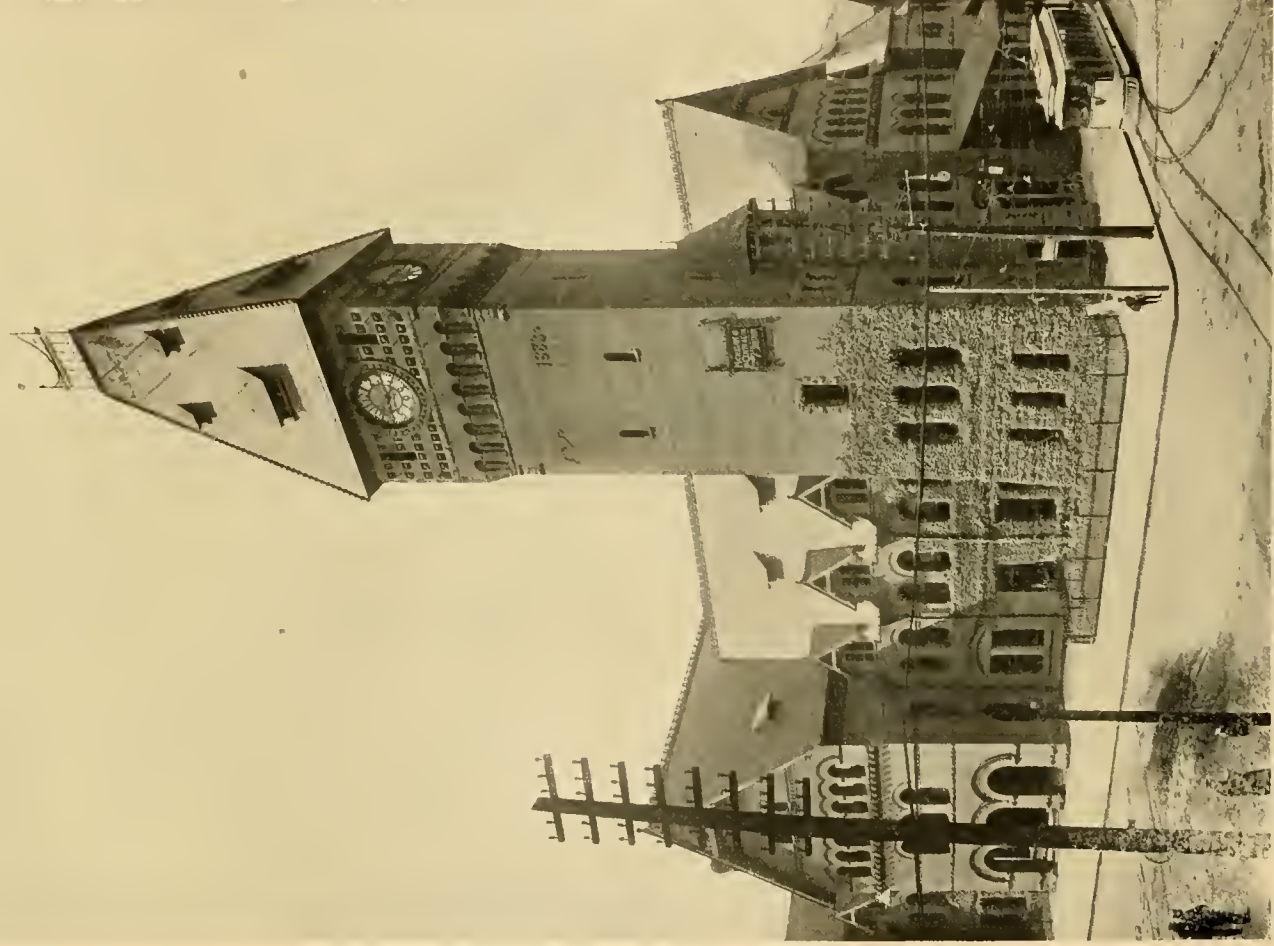
DETROIT MUSEUM OF ART.

On Jefferson Avenue. Here is an institution where lovers of art may pass many interesting hours.



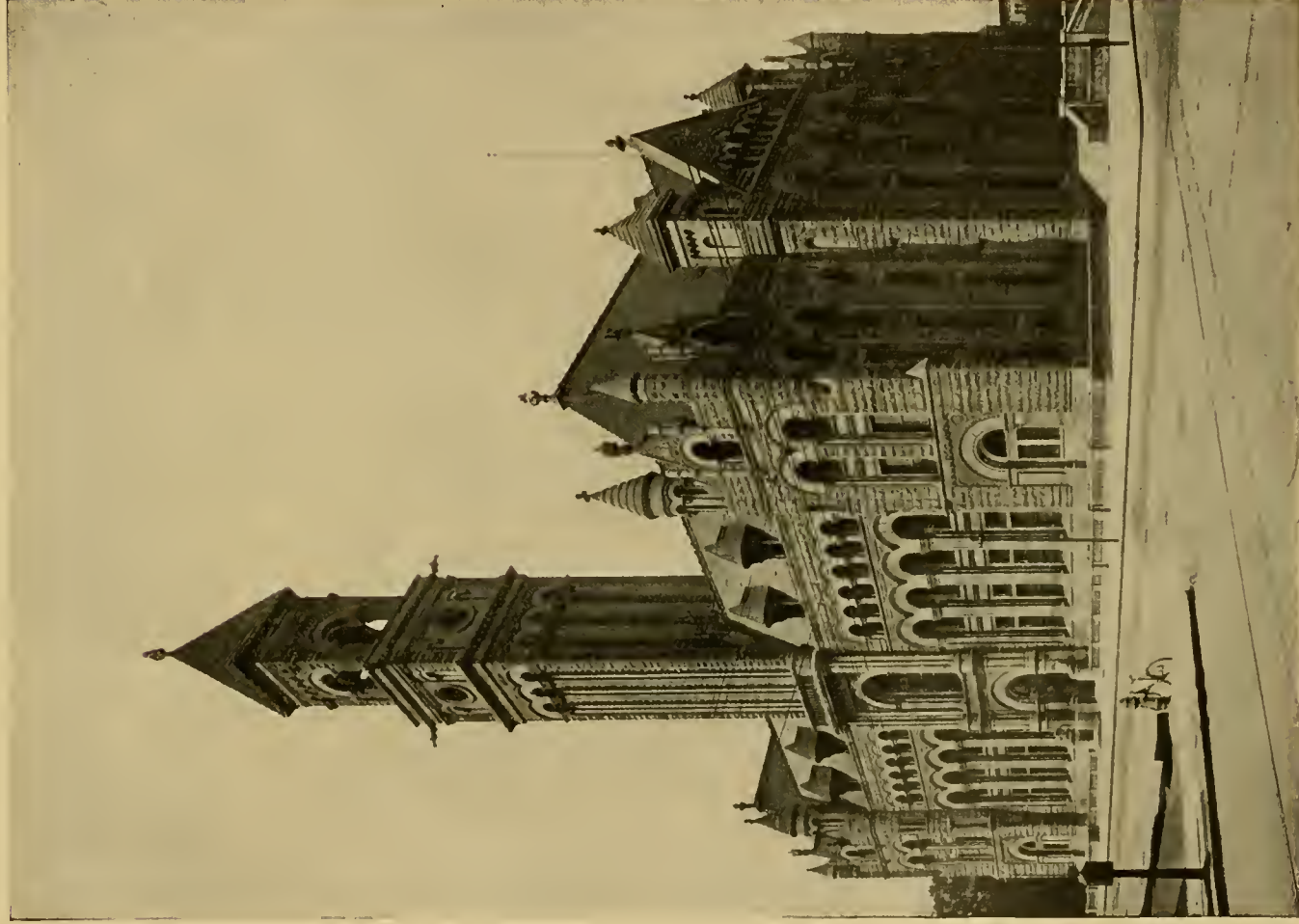
UNION DEPOT.

Located on the corner of Fort and 3d Streets. This railroad station stands second to none in the Middle West, and is provided with every convenience for the traveler.



MICHIGAN CENTRAL STATION.

Located at the foot of 3d Street. One of the most important railroad stations in Detroit. A large number of trains arrive and depart daily.



DETROIT POST OFFICE.
This imposing structure is the finest Post Office in Michigan. Tons of mail are handled daily. Increasing business has made it necessary to consider an addition to this already large building.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
The Union Trust and Chamber of Commerce buildings are two of the best known business structures in prosperous Detroit.

UNION TRUST BUILDING.



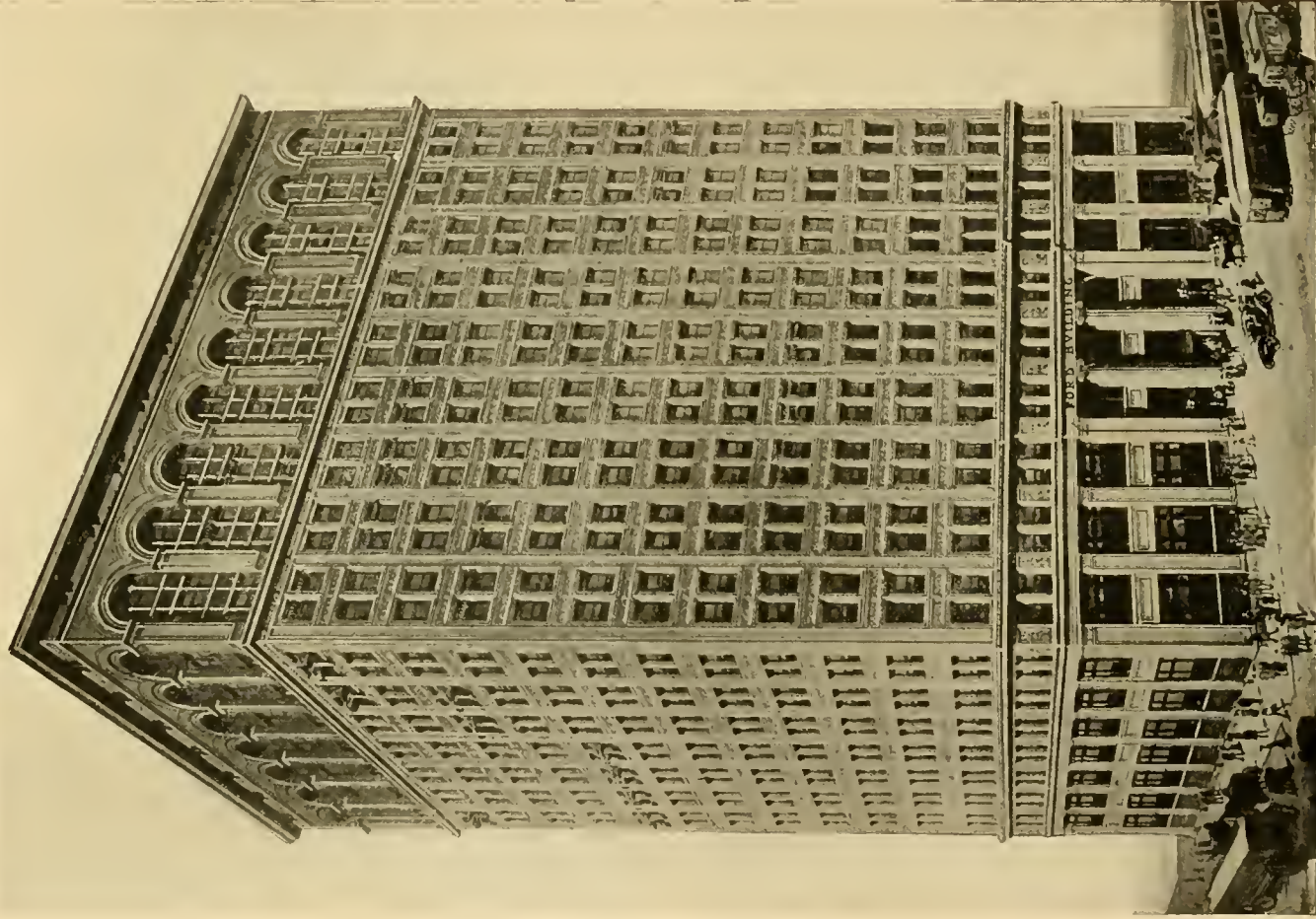
YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Recently erected on Washington Boulevard. It is a handsome building, superbly appointed for its purpose.



HAMMOND BUILDING.

First tall office building in Detroit. Since this edifice was erected many others have been built.



FORD BUILDING.

Detroit's tallest office building. It is constructed entirely of steel, the interior being finished in marble and mahogany.



NEW Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.

This building was erected by personal subscription—\$400,000 being raised in thirty days. Considered equal to the finest Y. M. C. A. structures in the country.



PASADENA APARTMENTS.

On Jefferson Avenue. Considered the finest apartment structure in Detroit. Has a beautiful roof garden where one may enjoy the fragrant breezes from the nearby Detroit River.



CHARLEVOIX APARTMENTS.

On Park Street. A notably large and roomy apartment building.



THE PALMS APARTMENTS.

On Jefferson Avenue. A typical example of Detroit's many up-to-date apartment houses.



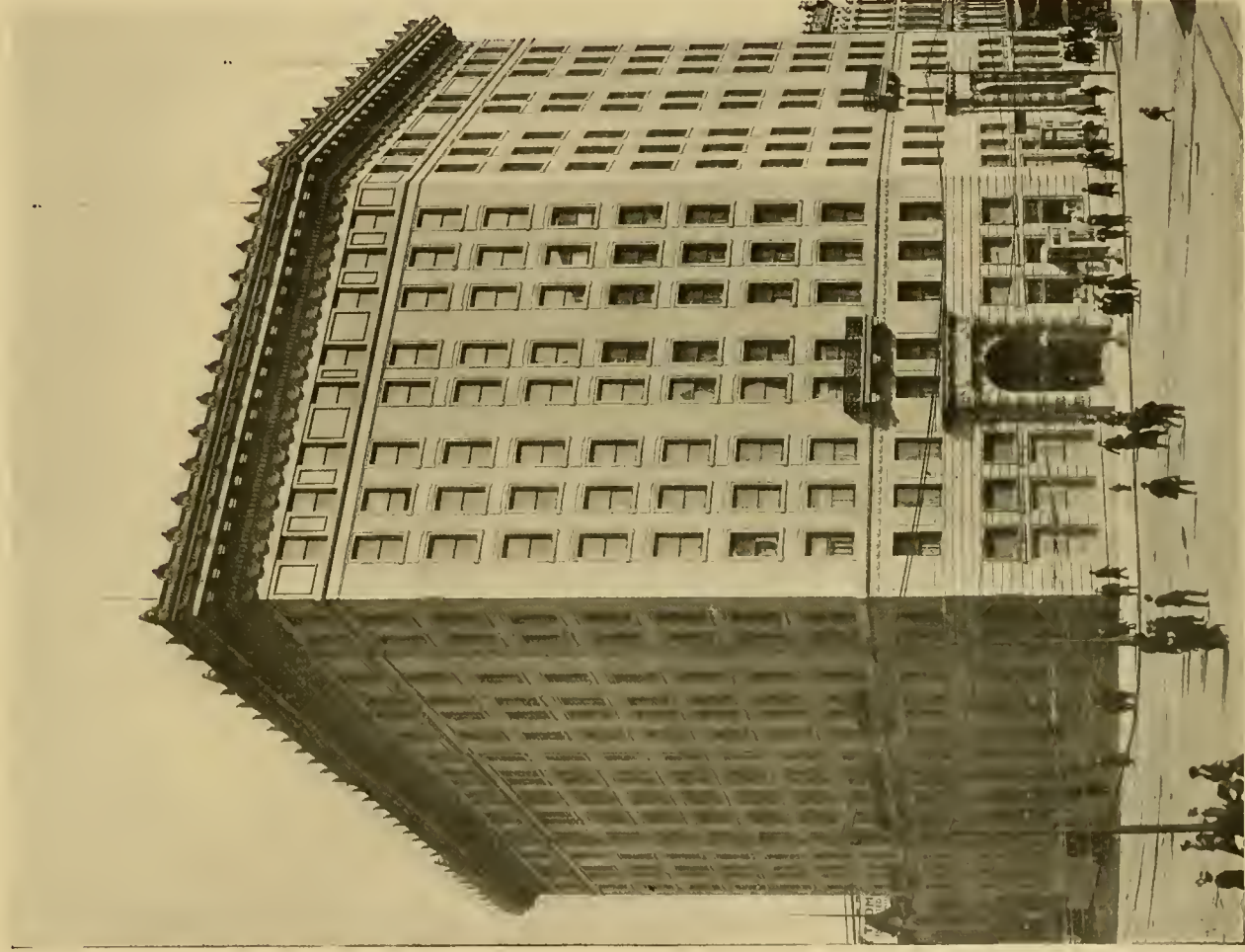
GLEANERS' BUILDING.

On Woodward Avenue. The headquarters of the Ancient Order of Gleaners. One of the modern buildings recently erected on Woodward Avenue.



MASONIC TEMPLE.

This impressive home of the Masonic Fraternity in Detroit is equipped with large lodge rooms, the peer of any in the United States. Located on 1st Street and Lafayette Boulevard.



HOTEL PONTCHARTRAIN.
The finest hotel in the State of Michigan. Famous for appointments and furnishings—the best that money could buy.



CADILLAC HOTEL.
One of Detroit's most popular hotels.



WAYNE HOTEL AND PAVILION.

An up-to-date hostelry. Seated on the Pavilion one can enjoy a rare view of the busy Detroit River.



DETROIT OPERA HOUSE.

One of the city's best theatres, where the finest plays coming to Detroit are staged.



DETROIT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.
Situated at the corner of Antoine and Mullett Streets.



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.
Located on Cass and Warren Avenues. The best equipped high school in Michigan.



EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL.
Located on East Grand Boulevard and Mack Avenue.



DETROIT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL.

Located at Congress and Elmwood Avenues. This University School is where some of Detroit's brightest men received their education.



JESUITS' COLLEGE.

On Jefferson Avenue. Here young men may receive a thorough education fitting them for any work in life.



ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.
Located on Clinton and Antoine Streets.



HARPER HOSPITAL.

Located on John R. Street, facing Martin Place. Considered one of the finest hospitals in the West.



ST. FRANCIS' HOME FOR BOYS.

North Woodward Avenue. A Catholic institution where small boys are cared for and instructed by the Sisters.



HOUSE OF PROVIDENCE.

A magnificent charitable institution. Located on the corner of 14th Avenue and West Grand Boulevard.



FORCING NAVIGATION AT ENTRANCE OF DETROIT RIVER.
The boats are trying to make an early start.



MONSTER GREAT LAKE STEAMERS.

This view shows a scene at the Great Lakes Engineering Co. plant where these leviathans are built as well as repaired.



MASON MONUMENT, CAPITOL SQUARE PARK.

Erected in honor of Steven T. Mason, the first Governor of the State of Michigan.



MACOMB STATUE, WASHINGTON PARK.

Erected in honor of General Alexander Macomb, commander of the victorious American forces at Plattsburg in the War of 1812 with Great Britain. The view shows electric fountain in background.



BAGLEY PUBLIC DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

Where one may always find a good, cold drink on a warm day.



PINGREE MONUMENT.

Erected to honor the memory of the late ex-Governor of Michigan and ex-Mayor of Detroit. Stands in the western section of Grand Circus Park, Woodward Avenue.



SCHILLER MONUMENT, BELLE ISLE.

This monument was presented to Belle Isle by the Germans of Detroit. It is one of the finest pieces of sculpture in the city.



WOODWARD AVENUE, SOUTH FROM ADELAIDE STREET.
Showing the broad Avenue with its many churches.



UNITARIAN CHURCH AND HOTEL TULLER.

This church structure is noted for the famous divine, the Reverend Dr. McColleston.



THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

On North Woodward Avenue. The new bronze statue of the Blessed Virgin is shown on the tower.



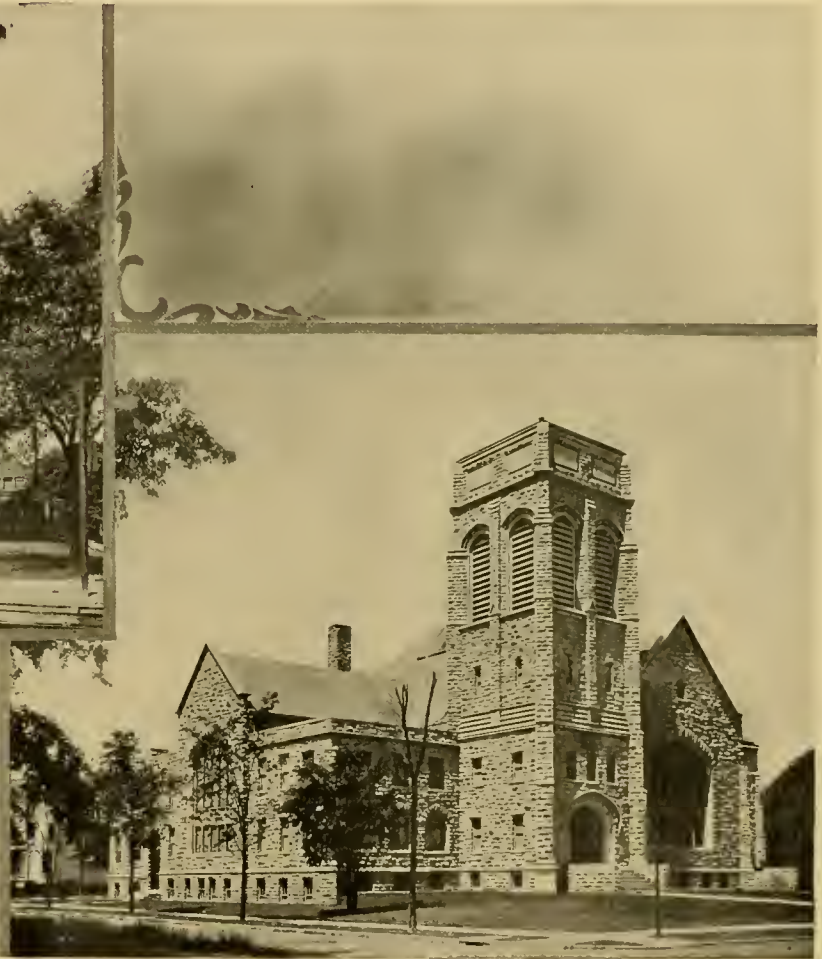
HOLY REDEEMER R. C. CHURCH.

Located on Dix Avenue. This church enjoys the distinction of having the largest congregation of any Roman Catholic church in Detroit.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Located on Woodward Avenue. Architecturally very pleasing—the home of a prosperous religious organization.



NORTH WOODWARD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH.

A place of worship recently completed. Presents an imposing facade—a credit to the "North End."



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Woodward Avenue and Edmund Place.

JEFFERSON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Ledyard Street and Second Avenue.

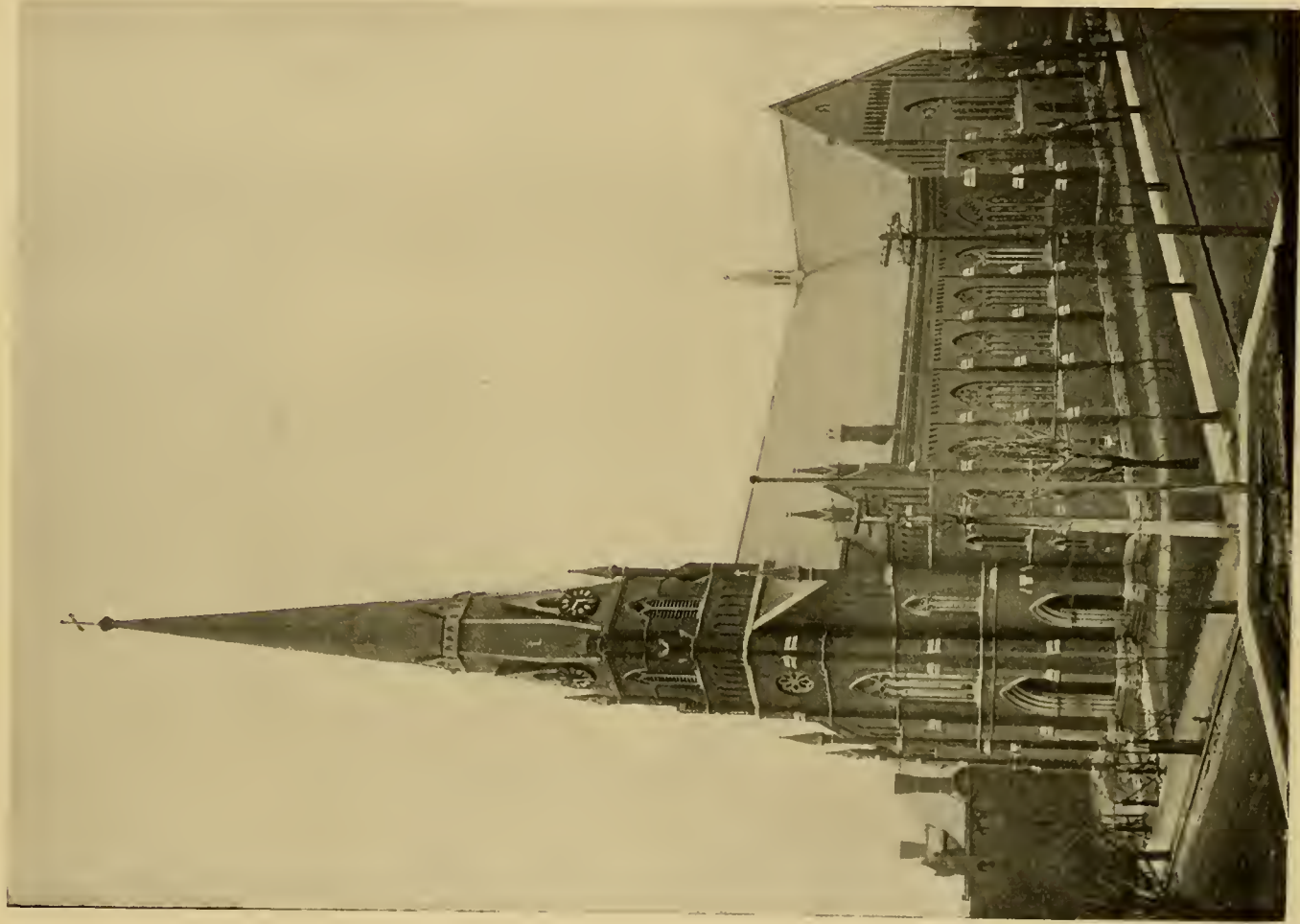


UNITARIAN CHURCH.
Woodward Avenue.



TEMPLE BETH-EL.

Woodward Avenue. The architectural effect of this Hebrew temple of worship appeals to the most unobserving passer-by.



St. ALBERT'S POLISH CHURCH (ROMAN CATHOLIC).
Located at the corner of 23d and Myrtle Streets.



ENTRANCE TO BOSTON BOULEVARD.

This Boulevard is lined on either side with handsome residences, and is one grand park in itself.



EAST GRAND BOULEVARD.
Showing the beautiful smooth driveways and the wonderfully attractive terraced lawns.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. THEO. D. BUHL.

On Jefferson Avenue. The handsome entrance and solid architecture of the building are well brought out in this view.



RESIDENCE OF EMORY CLARK.

On Jefferson Avenue. One of the substantial and artistic homes for which this thoroughfare is famous.



RESIDENCE OF DR. NEWMAN.

On Jefferson Avenue. A typical Detroit residence, noted for its attractive setting of well-kept grounds.



RESIDENCE OF J. B. FORD.

On Jefferson Avenue. A home much admired for superior architectural merit achieved without the loss of simplicity.



ELECTRIC FOUNTAIN, WASHINGTON BOULEVARD.
A truly refreshing breathing-spot near the Hotel Cadillac.



DETROIT MOUNTED POLICE.

The city of Detroit can boast of having one of the most efficient squads of mounted police in the country. The horses are of special breeding, and are kept in perfect condition.



DETROIT BOAT CLUB, BELLE ISLE.

The home of one of the most exclusive boat clubs in Michigan. This institution has a waiting list of about 500.



CASINO, BELLE ISLE.

This structure was recently completed, and is admitted to be superior in equipment to any similar edifice elsewhere. Here the visitors to Belle Isle may obtain refreshments of all kinds.



BATHING PAVILION, BELLE ISLE.

Completed in 1909 at a cost of \$100,000. The bathing beach at this point is unequalled, and with the artificial facilities provided is without doubt the finest place of its kind in the country.



SKATING PAVILION, BELLE ISLE.

Where thousands of young girls and boys enjoy themselves during the months when skating is the paramount sport.



BAND CONCERT ON CENTRAL CANAL, BELLE ISLE.

This is the main canal where the canoeists drift along listening to the beautiful music.



THE BRIDGE, BELLE ISLE.

A charming spot on a warm summer afternoon. This structure permits passage from one lagoon to the other.



HORTICULTURAL BUILDING, BELLE ISLE.

A visit to this building on a cold winter day would convince the visitor that he was in the Sunny South.

LILY POND, BELLE ISLE.

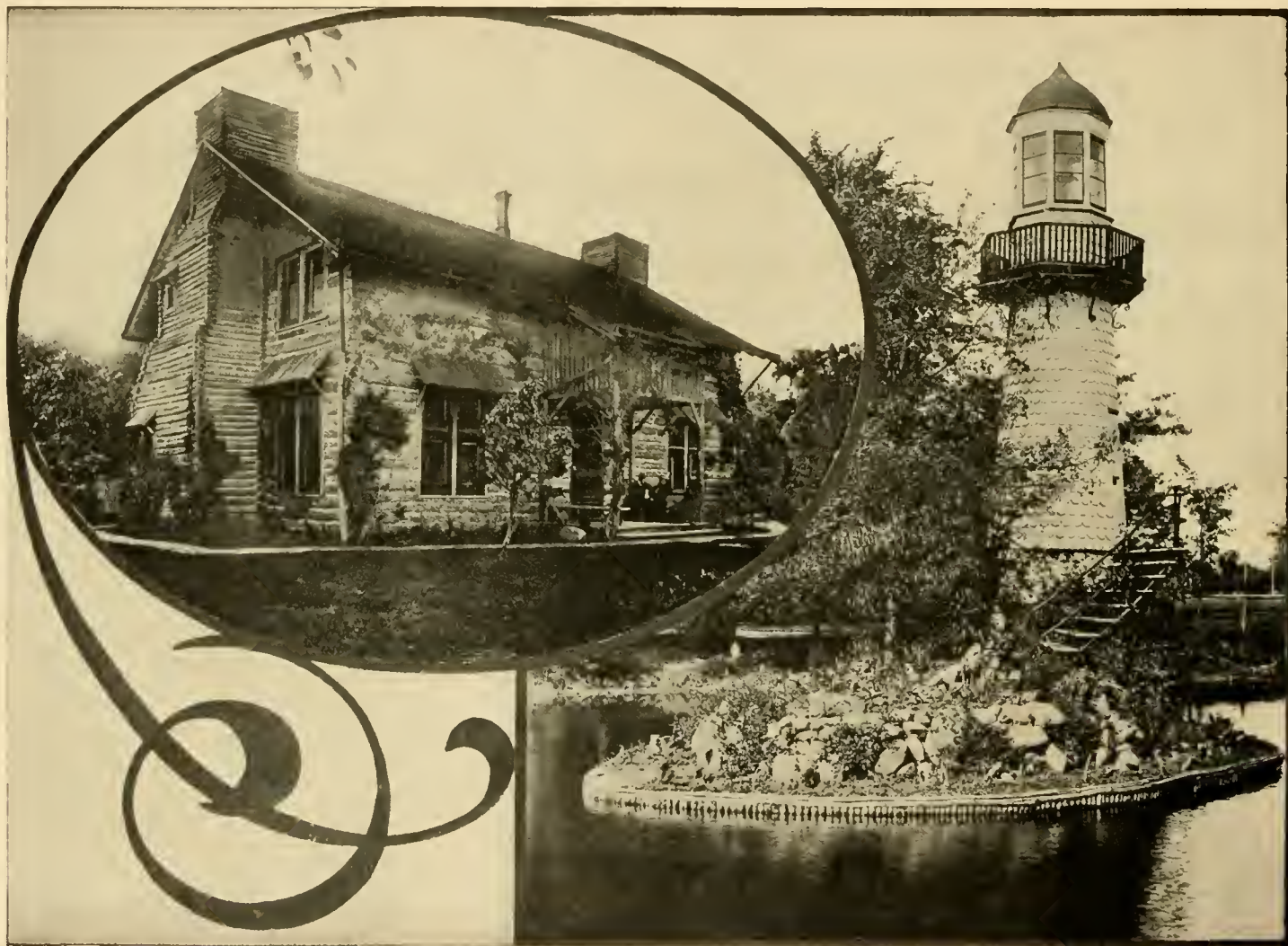
An ideal spot for a summer day's outing.



GRAND CIRCUS PARK WEST.

A magnificent park located on Woodward Avenue—in the center of the shopping district.

GRAND CIRCUS PARK EAST.

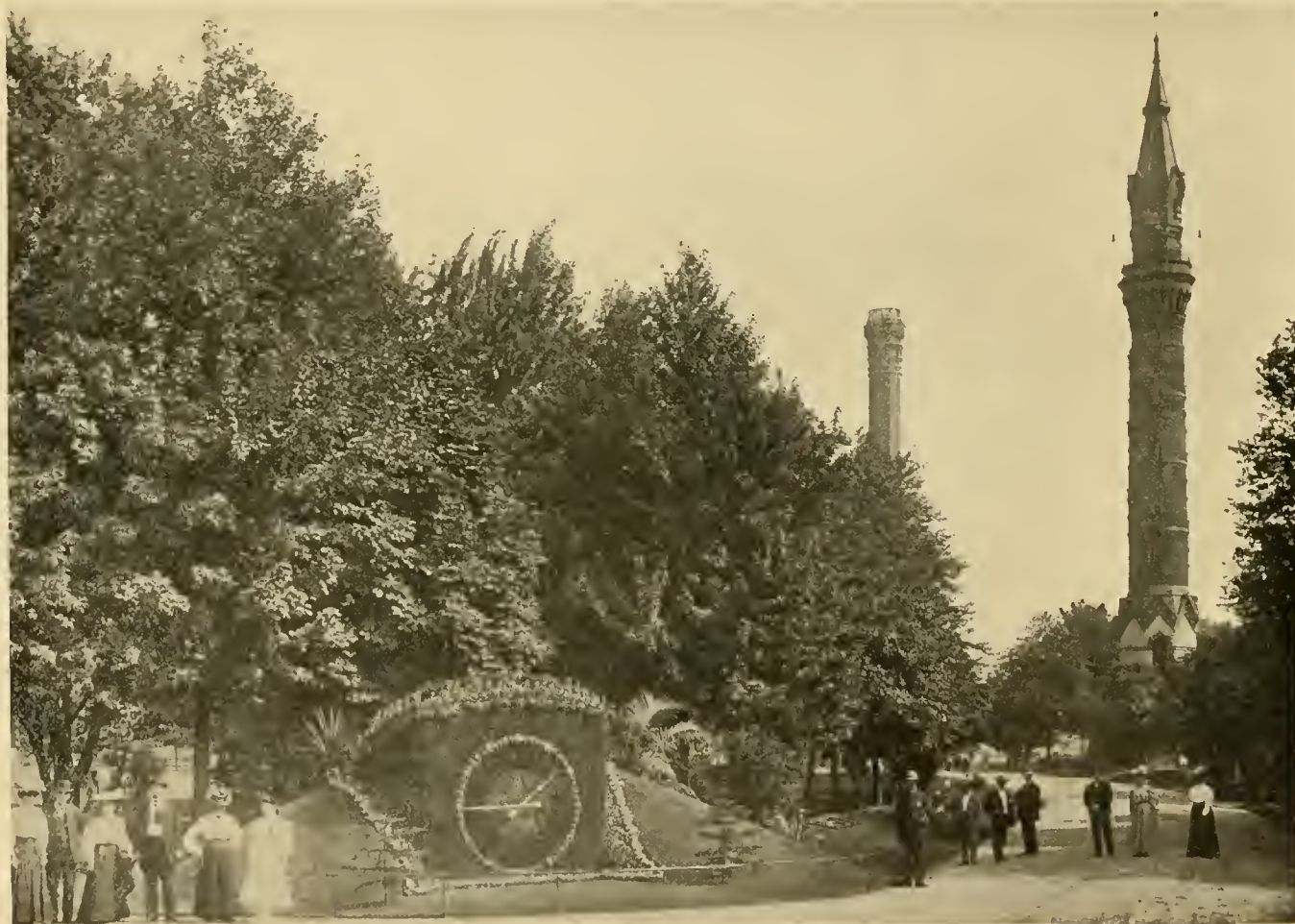


LOG CABIN AND LIGHT HOUSE, PALMER PARK.

This historical Park is one of the great attractions of Detroit. May be reached via Woodward Avenue.



WAITING ROOM, ENTRANCE PALMER PARK.
Few parks can show so many picturesque beauty spots as Palmer Park.



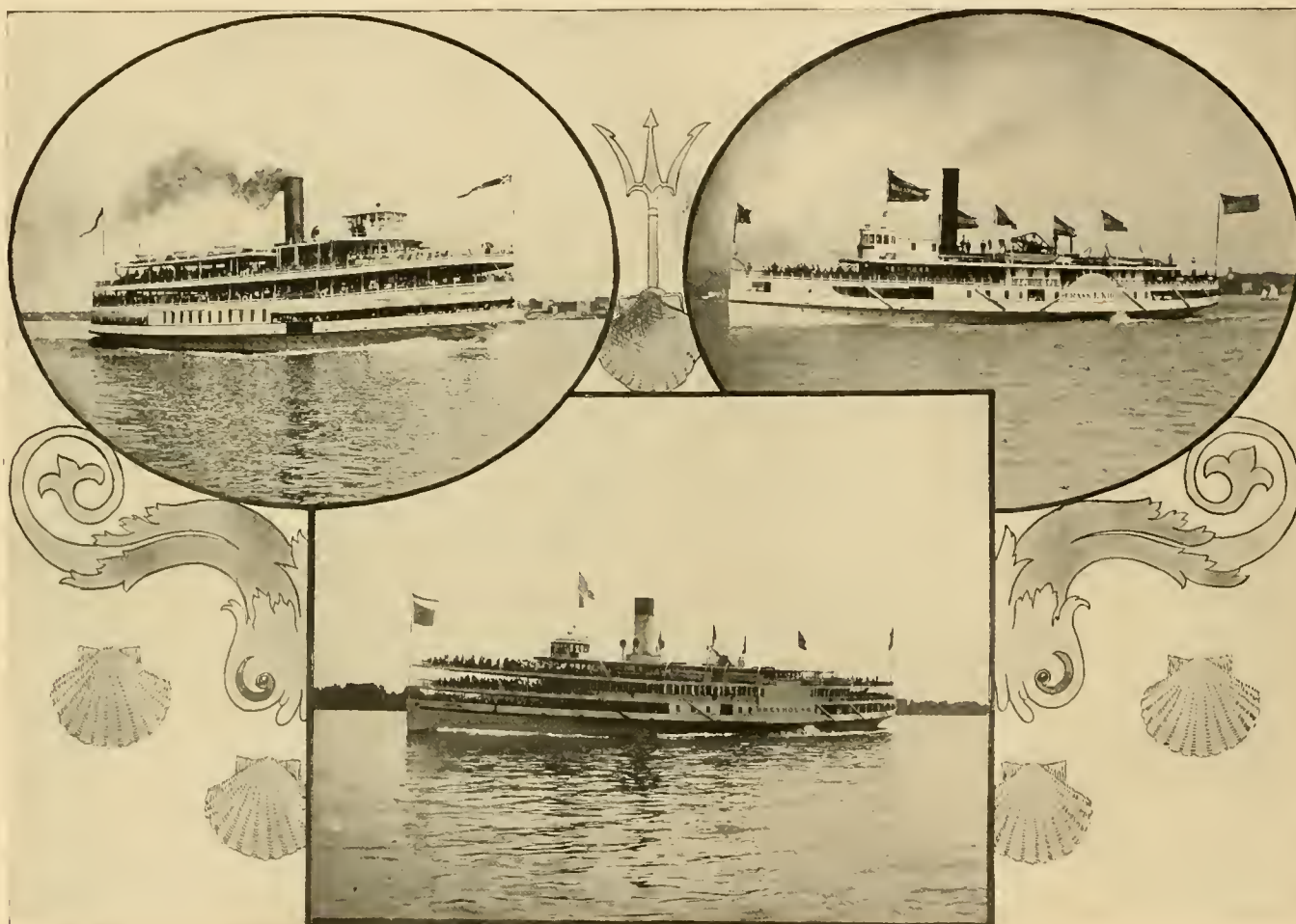
FLORAL CLOCK, WATER WORKS PARK.

This unique floral effect is one among the many artistic creations in this Park. A visit to Water Works Park is time well spent.



WATER WORKS, SHOWING POWER HOUSE.

The Detroit Water Works plant is an institution in which the city takes just pride.



STEAMER "COLUMBIA"

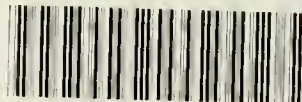
STEAMER "GREYHOUND"
Some of Detroit's popular excursion steamers.

STEAMER "FRANK E. KIRBY"

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